

CLAIMS

1. A dolly for transporting a plurality of containers, said dolly comprising:
 - a frame having front and rear sides;
 - wheels for moving the dolly;
 - at least upper and lower support shelves mounted in a spaced relationship on the frame and extending outwardly from the front side of the frame in a cantilever manner for supporting containers thereon; and
 - a lid movably mounted on the frame providing a cover for a container supported on the upper shelf.
2. The dolly as defined in claim 1 wherein at least one basket is mounted on the rear side of the frame and extends downwardly along said frame.
3. The dolly as defined in claim 2 wherein the basket is a generally U-shaped metal mesh screen.
4. The dolly as defined in claim 3 wherein the basket has a substantially straight first side extending along the frame, a curved bottom, and a second side terminating in a top end, said second side being biased toward the first side by the curvature of the bottom.

5. The dolly as defined in claim 4 wherein the top end of the second side of the basket terminates in an outwardly curved configuration.

6. The dolly as defined in claim 4 wherein a slot is formed on the first and second sides of the basket adapted to receive a cord therethrough

7. The dolly as defined in claim 1 wherein the upper and lower shelves are formed with a plurality of drainage holes.

8. The dolly as defined in claim 1 wherein the upper and lower shelves have upwardly extending side walls and a back wall.

9. The dolly as defined in claim 8 wherein mounting brackets extend outwardly from the back wall of the shelves; and in which fasteners secure the brackets to the upright frame to mount said shelves on the frame.

10. The dolly as defined in claim 8 wherein projections are formed on the back wall to assist in positioning the containers on the shelves.

11. The dolly as defined in claim 8 wherein the side walls have curved portions which merge into the back wall.

12. The dolly as defined in claim 1 wherein the shelves are molded of plastic.

13. The dolly as defined in claim 12 wherein the plastic is polypropylene.

14. The dolly as defined in claim 1 wherein the frame is formed of tubular metal having an inverted U-shape with a pair of vertically extending side members and a curved end extending between said side members.

15. The dolly as defined in claim 14 wherein the lid has an arcuate groove formed therein complementary to the curved end of the frame.

16. The dolly as defined in claim 14 wherein a plurality of holes are formed on the pair of side frame members for adjustably mounting at least the upper shelf thereon.

17. The dolly as defined in claim 1 further including a cord holder thereon.

18. The dolly as defined in claim 1 wherein a cutting mechanism is mounted thereon.

19. The dolly as defined in claim 17 wherein the cord holder is mounted on the lid.

20. The dolly as defined in claim 19 wherein a cutting mechanism is mounted on the lid adapted for cutting a cord.

21. The dolly as defined in claim 1 wherein the lid is dome-shaped and has a latch adapted to engage a container placed on the upper support shelf.

22. A combination comprising a plurality of containers and a dolly for removably holding and transporting said containers, each of said containers being substantially rectangular parallelepiped with a top opening; said dolly having an upright frame with at least a pair of shelves mounted in a spaced relationship thereon for supporting the containers thereon; and a lid mounted on the frame which selectively closes the top opening of the upper-most container.

23. The combination defined in claim 22 wherein the dolly has an inverted U-shaped frame formed of tubular metal; and in which the shelves and containers are formed of plastic.

24. The combination defined in claim 23 wherein a pair of wheels are mounted on the frame for movably mounting the dolly.

25. The combination defined in claim 23 wherein a receptacle is mounted on and extends downwardly along an opposite side of the frame from the shelves.

26. The combination defined in claim 25 wherein the receptacle is formed of a metal mesh.

27. The combination defined in claim 22 wherein a cord holder and cutter mechanism is mounted on the lid.